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Applicant: Johann ENGELHARDT et al.

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

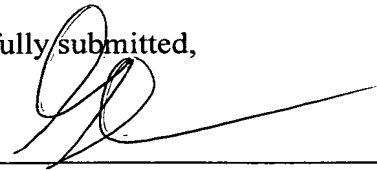
In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2005, Applicants hereby elect species 1, claims 32-35 and 39. Claims 31 and 40 are generic. Accordingly, claims 31-35, 39 and 40 are readable on the elected subject matter.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Because this response is being filed within one month of the Office Action, it is believed that no extension of time is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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